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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF
DEFECTIVE APPEAL BRIEF**

Sir:

The Office Action of September 11, 2003, states that applicants' brief is defective.

The reason given is:

"(B)ecause arguments therein are directed to issues which are not appealable. Specifically, claim 22, which was subject to restriction and withdrawn from examination, is still pending."

It is agreed that claim 22 was subject to restriction. It is also agreed that it is still pending; however no arguments are presented within the Brief which are directed to

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claim 22. In fact, in the statement of the "Issues," in the "Grouping of Claims," and in the "Argument," claim 22 is absent from the discussion. In the "STATUS OF CLAIMS," it is expressly stated that claim 22 was withdrawn from consideration.

No rule or regulation requires an applicant to cancel non-elected claims when appeal is filed.

Note that, in fact, MPEP 1208 (page 1200-21), expressly states that:

"All withdrawn claims must be identified if the brief incorrectly lists any withdrawn claims."

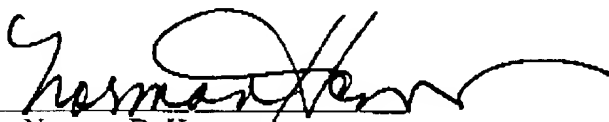
If the MPEP provides for correcting a listing of withdrawn claims, then clearly identifying withdrawn claims is appropriate.

No arguments were presented regarding claim 22, contrary to the Examiner's statements. There is no requirement that the non-elected claims be cancelled. There was no reason to deem the brief defective, and the holding should be withdrawn.

To facilitate expedited handling of this matter, this paper is being telefaxed, both to the Examiner, and to the Supervisory Examiner, to whom the undersigned will address a call in approximately 10 days should a withdrawal of the Notice not be immediately forthcoming.

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